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1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Maj. J. W. Jacobson	Army
LCdr. J. Madden	Navy
Col. James J. Hausman	Air Force
Maj. Samuel H. Ware	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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2. The chairman announced the appointment of Major Samuel H. Ware as the Air Force alternate member of the NIS Committee, vice First Lieutenant Thomas A. Shelton, in accordance with Department of the Air Force Letter Order C-480 dated 7 April 1955.

3. Non-IAC Agency Support

The chairman discussed the value of non-IAC agencies as a source for basic intelligence support in the following terms:

"It would appear that there are many non-IAC agencies normally not called upon for direct support of NIS production requirements which can give considerable assistance in this direction. A case at point involved preparation of Section 32 of NIS 99. This was prepared by the Transportation Corps but found to have major deficiencies. The Transportation Corps Liaison Officer was dissatisfied with the end product, and in the course of exploring other facilities he visited the Bureau of Public Roads. Fortunately Mr. Taylor, Chief of Public Roads Department for the Philippines, was in Washington. Upon learning of the problem he agreed to assist in the preparation of an adequate highway section which, in fact, was done in the Philippines at relatively small expense to the Transportation Corps (approximately \$200 for reproducing certain graphics). The resulting product was excellent in every respect, including the filling-in of gaps and availability of recent photographs. Moreover, the Bureau of Public Roads indicated that in their operation in other foreign areas they would be willing to render similar assistance to the NIS effort.

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"It is my feeling that other non-IAC agency support, such as FOA, could very much improve other sections of the NIS, principally the economic ones. A recent study by FOA containing economic statistics on the entire continent of Africa appears to be an excellent piece of work and should be of unusual assistance to the Department of State in developing economic sections on that area.

"In consequence I urge all NIS Committee members and others within their organizations to explore more carefully this type of assistance which can be rendered to the NIS Program and which will make more complete the basic intelligence therein."

4. Coordinated Budget for the NIS

The chairman referred to a paper prepared by the Planning and Coordination Staff of CIA entitled "Re-examination of CIA's Reimbursement Practices." He noted that this paper had been circulated to the IAC agencies at the planning and coordination level. Among other things this staff study examines the question of existing practices of CIA regarding reimbursement and budgeting for the National Intelligence Survey Program and concludes "that the DCI should prepare with the cooperation of the IAC a statement of the annual budget needs of the members of the IAC for NIS production and submit such a statement to the Bureau of the Budget for its information, the DCI then requesting funds for all of these needs except for the Department of Defense where it is anticipated departmental policies or the peculiarities of the budget processes within Defense would seem to require them to submit budget requests directly." The chairman said that these conclusions were similar to those recommended in the last annual report of the NIS Program with the view to segregating the NIS production budget so that appropriations within the several agencies could be related to the capabilities required for fulfilling NIS production commitments. He pointed out that following IAC approval of this paper the NIS Committee would probably be charged with developing the coordinated budget provisions and that steps should be taken at this time to anticipate these requirements. He hoped that through this means the recurring difficulties of relating production capabilities to NIS production requirements would be greatly improved.

5. Current Status of FY-1956 Production Schedule

Copies of the tentative FY-1956 production schedule and related production report forms were distributed to the members. The vice chairman requested the members to check this tentative production schedule against their agency requirements to insure that these reflect the actual production situation. In the event of defections in production for the current fiscal year, rescheduled sections should be written into the

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tentative production schedule and returned to the vice chairman at the earliest practical date. The production report forms are to be used for developing the FY-1957 production schedule which should be turned in at the same time. He pointed out that the use of the same forms in all agencies should permit the development of the complete program with minimum confusion and should enable the D/B staff to produce the final production schedule without delay.

6. Scheduling of Chapter I for FY-1957

Copies of a suggested detailed scheduling for Chapter I for FY-1957 were distributed. The vice chairman explained that the NIS Areas listed had already been approved by the Committee for production of Chapter I during FY-1957, but without the specified dates. He noted that under "Remarks" appeared NIS section production necessary for the writing of these related Chapters I. He requested the members to examine the suggested schedule with a view to discussion at the next meeting.

7. Coordination of Special Armed Forces Maps in Chapter IX

The chairman read the following memorandum dated 16 May 1955 from the NIS Chapter IX coordinator relative to special armed-forces maps:

"Provision is made in the outline of Chapter IX, Map and Chart Appraisal, for the inclusion of information on special armed-forces maps in support of Chapter VIII. The responsibility for the selection and evaluation of maps in this category is assigned to the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

"To date the contributions submitted under this subject heading have varied considerably. Special armed-forces maps selected have been limited in number and not always pertinent to the subject.

"It is requested, therefore, that the matter be examined by the NIS Committee members concerned to determine whether: a) the sources of such intelligence maps within each service are being exploited adequately; b) notification of the existence and receipt of special armed-forces maps is provided to the contributing unit; and c) the responsibility for the contribution to this topic is delegated to the part of each service best qualified to evaluate the material."

Copies of the memorandum were handed to the members. The Committee discussed this matter and agreed to examine with their Chapter IX representatives the problems involved in each agency, with further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

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8. H. O. Proposal for Revision of NIS Memo No. 18

The vice chairman reported that D/B had examined the proposal of 19 April 1955 from the Hydrographer to the Navy member relative to revision of NIS Memo No. 18 "Classification of NIS" (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 194). The examination indicated that the proposal was unnecessary and to some degree undesirable inasmuch as it would tend to further confuse the classification question. He therefore recommended to the Committee that NIS Memo No. 18 continue as a general guide for security classifications of NIS matters since opportunity is afforded under paragraphs 2b and 2c of this memorandum for open discussions of individual aspects of production. However, in the broader discussions or in the handling of production schedules it is felt that the classification of "Confidential" is proper. The Committee discussed the matter and reached agreement that NIS Memo No. 18 was a proper guide for NIS security classification without further delineation.

9. Report of Working Committee on Segmented Areas

The chairman said that the working committee on segmented NIS areas had virtually completed their findings. However, he was informed that the Army representative on that committee indicated some points of disagreement with the draft report. The Army member said he had copies of the Army comments on this tentative report which he made available to the members. In view of the many points raised it was concluded that the working committee should hold an early meeting for the purpose of considering the Army's views. The chairman said he would so inform the chairman of the working committee and would request him to issue a report as soon as possible so that the NIS Committee could take up the matter at its next meeting.

10. Suspense Items

The vice chairman noted that NIS 27, Section 55, had been awaiting contributor action since 4 April 1955. The State member replied that this section had been held up for rewriting but would be submitted the latter part of this month.

11. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 31 May 1955.

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